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For: PLANETARY GEAR SYSTEM WITH  
WELDED ONE-PIECE DOUBLE-  
HELICAL GEARS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of September 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.



## AMENDMENT

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of September 15, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.